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Ms. Marlene Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Support of Hawaiian Telcom's request for reconsideration of Sandwich Isles Communications study area waiver CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I urge you to support Hawaiian Telcom's request of reconsideration of Sandwich Isles Communications study area waiver. I believe wholeheartedly that it is not in the best interests of the Universal Service Fund to be supporting this project. Most of the DHHL areas are unoccupied and will be for the foreseeable future. Thus I have some real serious issues with the USF subsidizing this boondoggle at a cost of nearly \$ 14,000 per customer.

On top of that some of the DHHL areas are being serviced by Hawaiian Telcom currently e.g Hilo Hawaii DHHL lands. From my view there will be serious issues arising from Hawaiian Telcom's ability to service these customers in the future. I urge you to take a close look at this. Along with the fact that Sandwich Isles Communications will be skirting the rules of their licenses and service non-DHHL areas through their sister company ClearCom Inc.

Thus going head to head with with Hawaiian Telcom etc. You can read evidence of this dream of SIC in numerous publications, like Forbes "Dreaming and Scheming Hawaiian Style 10/2002," Maui News <http://www.the-catbird-seat.net/SandwichIsles.htm>, Hawaii Business News <http://www.hawaiibusiness.cc/hb42001/default.cfm?articleid=6>.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Sincerely,
Aaron Stene